



The Egyptian Revolution of 1919: The Birth of the Modern Nation



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Wednesday 27 March

09.00	Registration
09.30–09.45	The Rt Hon. Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean, James Watt and Dr Hassan Hakimian on behalf of the BES, CBRL and LMEI
09.45–10.45	Session 1 1919 A Century Beyond: Reflections on Egyptian Polity Keynote Speaker: Professor Nabil Fahmy <i>Dean of the School of Global Affairs and Public Policy at the American University in Cairo</i> Chair: Professor Magdy Ishak Hanna <i>Vice Chairman, British Egyptian Society</i>
10.45	Refreshments
11.15–12.00	Session 2 Reflections on the 1919 Independence Movement Copts in the 1919 Revolution - An Exceptional Participation in Egyptian Political Life Mounir Fakhry Abdel Nour <i>Former Egyptian Minister of Trade, Industry and Investment</i> Moderator: Sir Derek Plumbly <i>Former British Ambassador to Egypt</i>
12.00–13.00	Session 3 The Great Theft of History: The First World War and the Prelude to Revolution Professor Khaled Fahmy <i>His Majesty Sultan Qaboos Bin Sa'id Professor of Modern Arabic Studies, University of Cambridge</i> Moderator: Roger Hardy <i>Associate Fellow, Green Templeton College, Oxford</i>
13.00	Lunch
14.00–15.15	Session 4 The Strategy and Tactics of the Protests Telegraphing Revolt: Protest Diffusion in the 1919 Egyptian Revolution Dr Neil Ketchley <i>Lecturer in Middle East Politics, King's College London</i> Workers on the Canal, Camaraderie within Apartheid Mohamed Elsayed <i>MA History, SOAS and Co-founder of Mubtada</i> Moderator: Dr May Darwich <i>Assistant Professor in the International Relations of the Middle East in the School of Government and International Affairs, Durham University</i>
15.15	Refreshments

15.45–17.00	<p>Session 5 Britain and Egypt</p> <p>The British and 1919: Reaction, Reform and Regime Restoration Professor James Whidden <i>Professor, Department of History, Acadia University</i></p> <p>‘No Very Fixed Ideas’. The Foreign Office, the High Commissioners and the Egyptian Nationalists Dr C. W. Richard Long <i>Author of <i>British Pro-Consuls in Egypt, 1914-1929</i></i></p> <p>Moderator: HE Sir Geoffrey Adams <i>British Ambassador to Egypt</i></p>
18.00–19.30	<p>PUBLIC LECTURE</p> <p>THE IMPACT OF EGYPT’S 1919 REVOLUTION ON THE POST-OTTOMAN ARAB WORLD Keynote Speaker: Professor Eugene Rogan <i>Professor of Modern Middle Eastern History, Director, St Antony’s College Middle East Centre, Oxford University</i></p> <p>Chair: James Watt <i>Chairman, Council for British Research in the Levant</i></p> <p>Thursday 28 March</p>
09.00–10.15	<p>Session 6 The Role of Women in the Independence Movement</p> <p>A Ward of Their Own: Mothers, Medical Doctors and the Revolution of 1919 Professor Beth Baron <i>Distinguished Professor and Director, Middle East and Middle Eastern American Center, The City College of New York</i></p> <p>Women and Gender in the 1919 Revolution and Beyond Professor Margot Badran <i>Senior Fellow, Prince Alwaleed bin Talal Center for Muslim Christian Understanding, Georgetown University</i></p> <p>Moderator: Nabila Ramdani <i>Journalist, author of <i>Women in the 1919 Egyptian Revolution</i></i></p>
10.15	Refreshments
10.45–12.00	<p>Session 7 The Historiography of the 1919 Revolution</p> <p>From Nationalism to Islamism; Revolution, the Wafd and the Rise of the Muslim Brotherhood Professor Philip Marfleet <i>Emeritus Professor in Social Sciences at the University of East London</i></p> <p>Neither Wilson nor Lenin: an Intellectual History of the 1919 Revolution Dr Hussein A.H. Omar <i>Assistant Professor in Global History, University College Dublin</i></p> <p>Moderator: Dr Anthony Gorman <i>Senior Lecturer, Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies, School of Literatures, Languages and Cultures, University of Edinburgh</i></p>
12.00–13.15	<p>Session 8 Impact on Society and Minorities</p> <p>Copts and the 1919 Revolution: Egyptian Identities and Nationalisms Mark Bebawi <i>Doctoral Student, Rice University</i></p>

The 1923 Egyptian Constitution and the Future of Elementary Education in Egypt

Dr Relli Shechter

Academic Visitor, Middle East Centre, St Antony's College, University of Oxford

Moderator: **Dr Ahmed El Mokadem**

International Consultant & Company Chairman

13.15

Lunch

14.15–15.00

Session 9 The Arts

Long Live Degenerate Art! Art as a Liberator for Egyptian Surrealists

Dr Omneya el Naggar

Department of Political Science, the American University of Cairo

Moderator: **Peter Mackenzie Smith**

Trustee, The British Egyptian Society

15.00–16.45

Session 10 The Revolution and its Influence on the Next Hundred Years (panel session)

Panellist: **Dr May Darwich**

Assistant Professor in the International Relations of the Middle East in the School of Government and International Affairs, Durham University

Panellist: **Dr Anthony Gorman**

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Panellist: **The Hon. Mona Makram Ebeid**

Former Member of Parliament and Senator, Professor of political Science and Media

Panellist: **Nabila Ramdani**

Journalist, author of Women in the 1919 Egyptian Revolution

Moderator: **Professor Robert Springborg**

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16.45–17.00

Closing Remarks

The Rt Hon. Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean

Chairman, The British Egyptian Society

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